



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 6: Judgment

Suggested Week of Use: January 7, 2024

Core Passage: Genesis 6:13-22; 7:20-24

News Story Summary

In November 2023, a report about Noah’s ark was published in *Popular Mechanics*. According to scientists representing three universities from Turkey and United States, a year’s worth of study yielded more information related to where the ark may have landed. The site is the traditional resting place on Mount Ararat, but researchers now report new evidence of human activity near that location. The evidence includes clay material, marine materials, and seafood—all of which would not normally be found in such a remote, mountainous region.

The article summarized the biblical record: “The Biblical account of Noah tells of God instructing Noah to build a giant ark to spare his family and pairs of animals from an impending flood meant to destroy the evil and wickedness running rampant on Earth.” The article also noted that the analysis of rock and soil from the mountainous region shows human activity dating to the time of Noah.

For more about this story, search “Noah’s Ark Popular Mechanics.”

Engage

To supplement the Engage activities, share information from the recent magazine article regarding human activity at Mount Ararat related to Noah’s ark. Ask: *Why is evidence of human activity on Mount Ararat important? How does evidence of Noah’s ark reinforce God’s judgment of human sinful activity?* Explain that this session focuses on God’s provision for Noah’s family and His judgment on those who rejected His offer of salvation.

Challenge

To supplement the Challenge activities, remind adults about the research related to Noah’s ark on Mount Ararat. Ask: *Why might people—even believers—need evidence of Noah’s ark? How might evidence of human activity on Mount Ararat provide opportunities to talk about God with others? Why should believers feel a sense of urgency in talking about God’s judgement of sin?* Emphasize that God has promised to judge all sin; and, like Noah, we have a chance to share His love and His provision of salvation so people won’t have to experience His punishment.